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## **WOMEN INMATES' CAREER FEST 2005 IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

***Mock job interviews with real potential employers to highlight  
DOC-Dept. of Ed. effort***

TOWSON, MD (April 25, 2005)---Women inmates will participate in mock job interviews during CAREER FEST 2005 at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women in Jessup on Wednesday, April 27. The special event is a partnership between the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Division of Correction.

MCI-W, led by Warden Brenda Shell, is one of the first two prisons in Maryland to offer RESTART programs designed to drastically improve education, vocational training, and treatment services, the implementation of which should make inmates less likely to commit new crimes once they are released. RESTART stands for Re-entry, Enforcement and Services Targeting Addiction, Rehabilitation, and Treatment.

During the day-long Career Fest, inmates (98% of whom will one day be released from prison) will hear from special speakers, see websites geared toward transition and employment, and do mock interviews with real potential employers.

### **SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

**8:30-9:15**     **Live internet presentation/transition and employment web sites**  
**9:20-11**      **Mock job interviews**  
**9:20-11**      **Occupational speakers in classrooms**

**12:00-12:30** **Live internet presentation**  
**12:35-2:00** **Mock job interviews**

**Md. Correctional Institution for Women: 7943 Brock Bridge Road in Jessup**

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